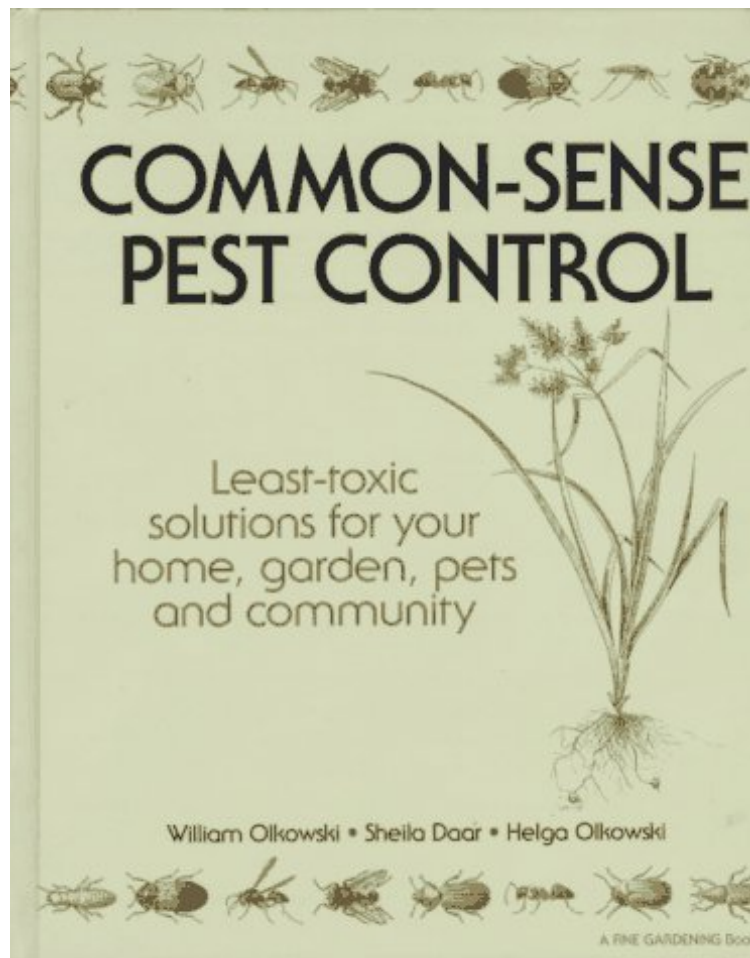


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6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Hidden GemBy CitiZenPeteWhile at the Botanical Gardens Library in Cleveland researching options for "organic" pest control for vegetable gardening, and home pest control (for ants,carpenter bees, etc) I paged through a table full of books. MY goal was to formulate a pesticide that would control garden and home pests, yet be so non-toxic as to be potentially edible by humans. My focus included using essential plant oils as active ingredients, but was open to other non-toxic solutions as well. While pour over a number of volumes and as a side I pulled this book off the shelf, knowing full well that it was not going to specifically address

my issues in depth. After I reviewed this volume I quickly discovered I was wrong. "Common Sense Pest Control" is very broad in scope, covering everything from wood-rot, to bats, to ants, to slugs and offers "common sense" approaches to controlling, eliminating, and in some cases: living with, common pests. After finding great information for my specific research in this book, I realized this was a reference that I should not be without in the future. The book is older, but newer information on the subject that I have found, leans more to chemical-sense solutions rather than common-sense. Amazingly I discovered that this hidden gem was dirt cheap in perfect condition hardcover here on . Highly recommended - a secret bargain -- I debated writing a customer review about this book, as I was going to purchase 4-5 of them and give them to friends and family as gifts. (Please leave me a few.)1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Wonderful Reference BookBy R. R. HarrisI write an online column on Integrated Pest Management and constantly am searching for answers and inspiration for blog threads and articles and this book teams well with several others to help me. In other words, I do not consider it complete enough to rely solely on it, but its knowledge and insight paired with others is formidable.R.R. Harris, author of Double Take, An Island Travel Mystery of Lively Romance and Deadly Betrayal, available on .0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Lots of InformationBy globarThis book was recommended by a speaker in a workshop for Growing Spaces Dome. The book has a lot of information about handling pests in your house, your yard, your garden, etc. It is technical in some respects, but the suggestions and ideas are really worth the cost of the book.

This resource gives homeowners hundreds of ways to control garden pests. Here are remedies for ridding lawns, gardens, and trees of destructive invaders.

.com If you have a home, an apartment, a garden, or a pet (or, in some cases, housemates or tenants), you've probably got pests. And if you want to control pests, there's no need to poison yourself. While the Green Revolution and DDT and other pesticides dominated the world of agribusiness, thoughtful scientists world-wide were simultaneously and silently working on "Integrated Pest Management", which is often as effective as pesticides at reducing or eliminating pests. From ridding your apartment of cockroaches to dealing with the regional deforestation threats of Gypsy Moths, this is the authoritative book on how to control pests by using the natural mechanisms of control that have kept our planet from being savaged, prior to our human disruptions.From Publishers WeeklyThe authors of this impressive volume are founders of the Bio-Integral Resource Center in Berkeley, Calif., dedicated to nontoxic pest management. Throughout the book, their knowledge of environmentally friendly controls is richly evident. They begin by discussing basic plant, animal and insect names and information on management and natural pest controls--a section which, as they admit, readers may well want to skip, preferring to zero in on whatever particular pest they'd most like to stamp out. A thoroughgoing education follows: we learn nearly everything we'd ever want to know about pests and their control, ranging from indirect treatments to the physical (e.g., hand-removing Japanese beetles) and from the biological (releasing beneficial insects) to the chemical (insecticidal soap and baits). Pests of the home and greenhouse, the body, garden and the lawn are covered in unusual detail. (A section on pests in homes, for example, could serve as the basis for an annual homeowner's checkup.) The squeamish may not wallow in the lore of bugs so generously shared, but they'll marvel at the research that has fed the book--marvel enough, perhaps, to go back and read the introductory chapters. Copyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc.From Library JournalBoth this work and Bernice Lifton's Bug Busters: Poison-Free Controls for Your House Garden (LJ 3/15/91) promote pest prevention instead of crisis management and pesticide use. For the novice, Bug Busters is the more readable. It outlines basic facts and procedures without a great deal of detail, not even scientific names. More encyclopedic, Common Sense Pest Control is roughly three times longer, treats many more insect species in much more detail, sports more than four times the line drawings, and gives scientific names. Opening sections cover insect classification; the effects on pests of climate, weather, predators, pathogens, and parasites; basic concepts of integrated pest management; and chemical pest control agents (pesticides, organics, microbials, pheromones, growth regulators). Two appendixes list resources and suppliers.-Annette Aiello, Smithsonian Tropical Research Inst., PanamaCopyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc.